DISCERNING VISION
Moses and the Burning Bush

What is our vision of God?

Exodus 3:1-12

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he
led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of
God. 2 There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush.
Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. 3 So Moses thought, 'I will
go over and see this strange sight – why the bush does not burn up.'

4 When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the
bush, 'Moses! Moses!' And Moses said, 'Here I am.' 5 'Do not come any closer,' God said.
'Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.' 6 Then he said,
'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.'
At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

7 The Lord said, 'I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them
crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. 8 So I
have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out
of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey – the home
of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. 9 And now the cry of
the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing
them. 10 So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of
Egypt.'

11 But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out
of Egypt?' 12 And God said, 'I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who
have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on
this mountain.'

- Vision of God (3:4-6).

- Vision for God's people (3:7-9).

- Vision for Moses (3:10-12).

Key Insights

'Misthinking distorts God's character to the Enemy's advantage and leaves a soul dangerously vulnerable to spiritual adultery'
The Sacred Slow, Alicia Britt Chloe.

'The man who comes to a right belief about God is relieved of ten thousand temporal problems, for he sees at once that these have to do with matters which at the most cannot concern him for very long.'
The Knowledge of the Holy, Tozer.

'Fear is looking at Jesus through your circumstances. Faith is looking at your circumstances through Jesus' eyes.'
Unknown

'If spiritual leadership is anything, it is the capacity to see the bush burning in the middle of our own life and having enough sense to turn aside, take off our shoes and pay attention.'
Strengthening the Soul of your Leadership, Ruth Haley Barton